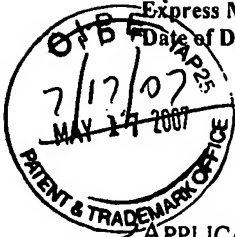


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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED JANUARY 17, 2007**

This Response is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed January 17, 2007 in the above-identified patent application. With a One-Month Extension, the response is due on or before May 17, 2007. Applicant submits herewith a Petition for a One-Month Extension of Time, along with the appropriate fee. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayments of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, reference 26859-002UTIL.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.